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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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entitled: DEVELOPING APPARATUS IN AN IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

Enclosed are:

- Application Data Sheet
- 2. Specification, including 6 claims (28 pages).
- 3. 5 Sheets of Formal Drawings showing Figs. 1-6.
- Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55 based on Priority Documents <u>2002-318458</u>, filed in <u>Japan</u> on <u>October 31, 2002</u> and <u>2002-318504</u> filed in <u>Japan</u> on <u>October 31, 2002</u>.
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